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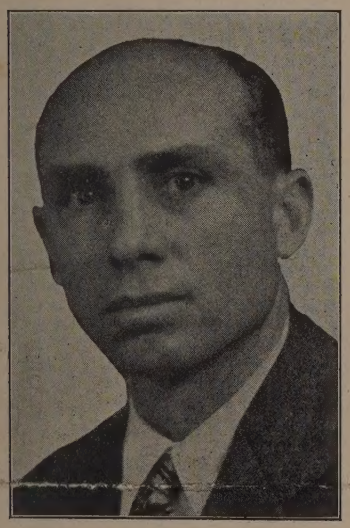
Young People's Summer Conferences

A choice of eight young people's summer conferences: one biennial National Pilgrim Fellowship Council; one Young Adult Conference, ,ve area Pilgrim Fellowship Conferences for high school delegates; and one advance conference for junior and senior high, college, and young adults.



Lloyd L. Lorbeer

At all of these conferences there will be presented specially selected courses adapted to the needs of young people, and taught by carefully chosen instructors. Some outstanding faculty members have been secured from various parts of the country and from abroad. Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, head of the Boys' School at Pasumalai, India, will teach at Zephyr Point and Lokoya Conferences; Miss Ariam (Hudson) Paramasamy of Ceylon, at Loma Mar No. 1, Zephyr Point, and Lokoya; Mrs. H. V. Markham of Dondi, West Africa, at the Lakewood Conference; Mrs. R. W. McClure of Foochow, China, will teach at Sequoia Conference; and Dr. Hachiro Yuasa of Japan at Loma Mar No. 2 and No. 3.

In addition to these representatives of our American Board, outstanding local pastors and laymen will lead other courses, in "Personal Living," "Social Relations," "The Bible," "The Church," "Young Peoples Methods," "Group Organization,' and "Christian Leadership." Dr. Vere V. Loper of First Congregational Church, Berkeley, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill will give addresses at Zephyr Point. Field Secretary E. T. Sherman will be in attendance for part or full time at all conferences, and plans to take moving pictures of the activities so that a fuller appreciation of the fine opportunities for information, inspiration, and fellowship may be had by the churches, the parents, and friends at home, and these pictures will also be used for publicity purposes throughout the year.

The area conferences are variously located, as near Congregational church centers as possible. The type of camp life reduces the cost per delegate and the proximity of the camp centers interest and reduces transportation costs.

The advance conference held at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, is primarily for chosen representatives of churches who show special promise of leadership. At all conferences there is a fine combination of fun, fellowship, rest, and recreation, as well as an appreciation of the better things of life. Men and women of fine Christian character become chosen counsellors and confidants of youth. Experience meets with youth who would adventure, and each is benefited. The older instructors review the visions of their youth, and the youth benefits by the gained wisdom of the adult friend.

For information concerning any of these conferences, write to Field Secretary E. T. Sherman, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

GENERAL COUNCIL, AUGUST 13-20

Last word regarding the forthcoming General Council meeting comes by airmail from Superintendent Gill, who attended the final meeting of the Program Committee in Boston on June second.

Rev. L. Wendell Fifield of Seattle has been added to the College of Preachers for the evening sessions. Moderator Oscar E. Maurer, Rev. George Gibson of Hyde Park, Chicago, Rev. Noble Elderkin of Ohio, and Rev. Carl H. Kopf of Boston are the other evening speakers; besides President R. G. Sproul, who has been selected by the laymen for the great Saturday night mass meeting. Rev. M. H. Lichliter of Columbus, Ohio, will be the Council preacher; and the alternate, Rev. A. W. Swan of Madison, will be the speaker at the same hour at the First Congregational Church, Oakland.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon, laymen, women, and ministers will meet in separate sessions. The ministers will discuss the message of the pulpit in war time.

Sunday night Northern California young people are invited to come, joining with the National Pilgrim Fellowship Council which will come for the evening from their sessions at Mills College and take over the Council meeting for one great session as a youth rally and service of worship.

Fourteen seminars, meeting on Wednesday, Thursday, and Monday afternoons from 2 to 4, will be held simultaneously:

1. Man's Inner World.
2. Family Life in a Changing Civilization.
3. Religious Life of Children.
4. Which Way, American Youth?
5. The Church in Its Community Relations.
6. The Parish Church and the Denominational Fellowship.
7. The Gospel and Christendom.
8. Shifting Populations.
9. Civil Liberty and Minority Groups.
10. Christian Democracy in Industrial Relations.
11. Christian Attitudes in Time of War.
12. Stewardship.
13. Church and Campus.
14. National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship (at Mills College).

Congregational leaders and folk are coming in great numbers to Berkeley, August 13 to 20. Let us rise to this great opportunity.

National Meet Pilgrim Fellowship

While the adults are meeting at the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches in Berkeley, August 13 to 20, the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship of youth will be meeting at Mills College. Two hundred specially elected delegates, from all states of the Union, will assemble to consider past achievements and plan for the next two years' work. At this meeting national and state leaders will confer and cooperate in planning to advance the Kingdom of God through organizations and programs.

The Congregational churches of Northern California are choosing twelve outstanding leaders to be state representatives. These twelve are to be chosen from the following groups: high school, college, young adult, and adult. Only five of these will be voting delegates. It will be a working Council, divided into small groups of 15 or 20, with youth leaders and adult resource assistants. Comparatively few speeches before the entire group will be made, but many phases of world need will be discussed in small seminars. It is not to be an adult conference, nor is it to be dominated by adults. It will be youth in council together to consider its place and power in the world. Nor will the adults be ignored, but asked for their wisdom and experience to help solve some of the baffling problems.

The cost of the conference will be $17.50 per person for the week. For further information please write to Rev. E. T. Sherman, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

VOTING DELEGATES

The Northern California Congregational Conference will be represented at the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, to be held in First Congregational Church, Berkeley, August 13-20, by twenty voting delegates, nineteen of whom have been elected. The German churches will name one layman delegate at their forthcoming Conference meeting.

These delegates are: Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Thomas E. Watt, Mr. George S. Martin, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. Dwayne P. Orton, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Rev. Norman B. Henderson, Rev. J. H. Bennett, Miss Bertha Giles, Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Miss Mary Coxhead, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Mrs. Mott Pridgen, Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., Mr. C. T. Tinker, Mr. B. M. Benson, Rev. J. N. Sauer, and Rev. Harley H. Gill.

PASTORS' BOOK CLUB

Some twenty pastors have already signed up as members of the Pastors' Book Club for 1940-41, the first books of which will be started on their circuits in September. The Committee on Selection, as chosen by the Conference Executive Committee, consists of Rev. John Wright Buckham and Rev. James Muilenburg. Since the sign-up period is a little earlier than usual, the date of termination has been extended to June 15. No membership will be accepted unless written notice thereof has been received in the Conference office on or before June 15, 1940. Titles will be published in a later issue of THE PACIFIC.

State Conference August 12-13

Let no one suppose that the annual meeting of the State Conference will be unimportant.

The main interest of the delegates and ministers will, of course, be in the General Council which will follow, but the business of the Conference needs to be transacted, and the reports of committees will be made and will reveal the scope and strength of our work. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody will be the preacher at the evening session. There will be a memorial service as well.

Officers for the coming year will be elected and plans laid for the 1941 meeting. Moderator P. Pierson Parker and the Superintendent are at work on various items of preparation.

As has been announced, the registration to the General Council will care for the state meeting as well.

The Northern California Congregational Conference will be held in North Congregational Church, Berkeley, August 12 and 13.

A FORWARD STEP

Not in many years has the Conference Board of Directors given as serious study to the budget for the current fiscal year as has been done since the first of April. A tentative budget was prepared by Superintendent Gill after consultation with the members of the staff and the investment counsellor, which was mailed to all members of the Board of Directors. Those who are not members of the Executive Committee were asked to send their written comments and suggestions. These were carefully studied by the Executive Committee, as was also the report and recommendations of the World Service Committee.

It was the unanimous decision of the Executive Committee that no cut in the budget was possible. In fact, it seemed almost imperative that certain increases should be made. The budget as finally adopted is for $29,384.62, which is $1,600 less than that of a year ago. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that we have no right to budget gifts from individuals to cover deficits in advance, but that the churches should be asked to increase their giving and then if a sufficient amount is not realized an appeal to individuals would be justified. The total needed from the churches for Conference work is $20,100.00 In order that the 54 per cent of apportionment will yield $20,100.00 it will be necessary to increase our total apportionment giving by about 12¾ per cent.

The World Service Committee recommended that the churches be asked to increase their missionary giving. In order intelligently to suggest to the churches what the share of each one would be a committee on apportionment was appointed, and at the annual meeting of the Conference the plan will be presented for consideration and adoption.

Y. P. Conference Dates

June 15-22—Central.
June 16-22—Loma Mar No. 1.
June 16-22—San Joaquin.
July 27-August 3—Zephyr Point.
August 4-10—Lokoya.
August 25-31—Loma Mar No. 2.
August 31-Sept. 2—Loma Mar No. 3.

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HIP WO INVITES YOU

Of all the Congregational projects in Northern California, one of the most interesting is the work carried on at the Hip Wo School, at 920 Sacramento St., San Francisco, which is sponsored jointly by Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists. Friends are to have the opportunity of visiting the School on Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22. On Friday there will be "Open House" from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M., when there will be a display of the students' work. On Saturday at 1 P. M. some 130 students will graduate from grammar, junior high, or senior high departments. This ceremony will be open to the public.

Treasure Island Vespers

The following speakers, particularly interesting to Congregationalists, will be heard at the 5 o'clock Vesper Hour in the Temple of Religion on Treasure Island: July 7, Rev. Robert Inglis of Plymouth Church, Oakland; July 14, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. Edgar A. Lowther of City Temple in San Francisco; September 8, Rev. Vere V. Loper of First Church, Berkeley. August 18, which will be during the General Council session, there is to be a visiting Congregational speaker.

Word from Whitakers

A letter from Rev. Robert B. Whitaker of Lintsing, China, states that he and his family are in good health and are very busy in doing relief work. It seems that about 40 per cent of the area which has suffered from flood is within our American Board territory. "The interest here in Christianity," says Mr. Whitaker, "is encouraging and at times amazing. Oh, if only Congregational folks at home could see with their own eyes what our opportunity is, if only we had the workers to receive and train the enquirers who come to us! There is a remarkable religious movement toward Christ and the church all over our field. We are frequently embarrassed because villages send in asking that we send them someone to train the groups of enquirers that are ready and waiting for help. All too often we have to put them off because we do not have workers enough to go around, and that in a country where at the present rates of exchange a pastor's salary is not more than $90 or $100 a year in American money, and where many of the less highly trained workers, unordained, get less than half that sum."

Interdenominational Youth

The Pacific Southwest Interdenominational Regional Conference of Christian Youth will be held at Camp Sierra, near Fresno, July 6 to 13. The cost of accommodations and registration is $11.50. The general subjects to be considered are: "Personal Religious Living," "World Brotherhood," "World Situations," "The Economic Order," and "Shifting Populations."

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Stop That Retreat

Comparative figures, as shown below, indicate that total remittances to May 31, 1940, are more than $900 below those for the same period last year. Examination will show, however, that only 32 churches made remittances in May. Doubtless there are accumulated benevolence funds in many churches, and pastors and treasurers are urged to send all available amounts to the Conference office before the vacation period begins. The work must be carried on right through the year.

Church	May 1940	Jan. 11 to May 31, '40	Jan. 11 to May 31, '39
Adin	....	$ 7.50	$ 10.50
Alameda	....	236.56	213.15
Alturas	....	10.58	....
Angels Camp	....	33.75	35.75
Antioch	7.50	22.50	15.00
Auburn	....	....	60.00
Benicia	5.00	5.00	....
Berkeley, First	....	1,998.79	2,024.90
North	60.40	172.70	180.80
Park	....	11.60	31.07
Campbell	....	50.00	56.00
Cloverdale	12.55	29.48	34.39
Cotati	25.00	32.50	21.50
Crockett	....	7.52	38.30
Eureka	30.71	203.49	191.52
Ferndale	....	63.05	53.99
Fresno, First	....	274.88	215.30
Pilgrim	....	120.00	100.00
Glen Ellen	....	....	10.00
Guerneville	4.00	4.00	5.00
Hayward	....	50.00	50.00
Hayfork	....	10.00	3.00
Kenwood	....	5.30	....
Lodi, First	....	403.00	455.50
Loomis	....	23.55	12.98
Martinez	20.60	85.37	121.72
Murphys	....	62.50	60.00
Oakland, First	416.66	1,676.64	2,233.50
Fruitvale	....	20.00	10.00
Pilgrim	3.00	17.58	11.00
Plymouth	70.38	303.34	354.45
Oroville	14.16	24.92	24.60
Pacific Grove	13.05	76.40	112.48
Palo Alto	8.00	511.00	646.63
Paradise	....	100.00	105.90
Penngrove	....	5.64	4.48
Petaluma	45.66	278.20	210.76
Pittsburg	12.20	69.42	76.67
Port Chicago	....	....	6.00
Porterville	75.00	155.00	67.50
Redwood City	48.73	199.38	162.20
Rio Vista	....	37.50	30.00
Ripon	4.83	70.32	67.57
Sacramento	84.35	263.26	172.07
Salida	....	2.00	....
San Carlos	....	52.67	48.97
San Francisco:			
Bethany, Mssn. Pk.	5.00	100.40	74.26
Calvary	....	....	20.00
First	154.65	470.93	464.97
Ocean View	....	25.00	3.70
San Jose	35.00	270.00	220.00
San Leandro	5.85	43.66	34.65
San Lorenzo	....	....	10.00
San Mateo	52.61	256.01	272.88
San Rafael	....	20.00	....
Santa Cruz	60.00	345.00	346.10
Santa Rosa	23.40	100.87	77.20
Saratoga	....	100.62	121.04
Sebastopol	19.89	67.41	71.75
Sonoma	....	40.00	41.85
Soquel	....	32.65	25.00
Stockton	45.70	202.14	206.12
Suisun	....	41.33	....
Sunnyvale	....	3.56	....
Sunol	....	....	20.00
Tulare	60.00	169.00	130.00
Weaverville	6.60	44.60	63.29
Woodside	....	20.00	....
Reno, Nevada	29.80	126.27	137.12
Miscellaneous and Individual	25.00	1,174.50	1,668.91
	$1,485.28	$11,440.84	$12,354.35

NEED AN ORGAN?

A San Francisco church which has recently acquired a new organ, reports that it is now willing to sell its "fine cabinet 16-stop Estey organ, which cost $400 25 years ago, and is in good reasonable condition, to some church for $75. The instrument has a good volume and very satisfactory tone." If any church is interested in securing such an organ, the Conference office will be glad to put them in touch with the pastor making the offer.

Word of Rev. S. Nakayama, former Fresno pastor, tells that his church in Shanghai has an orphanage for Chinese children, and that Christian work is hopeful.

THE CHRISTIAN USE OF POSSESSIONS
"Occupy Till I Come"

In this parable of the Nobleman and his Stewards, Christ taught his disciples the lesson on the Christian's use of possessions.

It was a clear, ringing challenge, before which more than one minister of the Gospel buried his head in shame (figuratively and literally) that Dr. D. S. Ramachandra Rao, secretary to the Mahatma Gandhi, gave in answer to the question, "How does Gandhi react to Christianity?" His answer, well chosen and deliberate, cut to the very heart: "You Christians," he said, "read the Sermon on the Mount and apologize for it and spend much time to explain its Oriental origin and then doctor it up so that it may conform to your modern conventions, while Gandhi demonstrates its reality. You preach it, he lives it."

Dare we be Christians in times such as these? Not preaching or explaining Christianity, but actually living it? Dare we take Christ seriously? Too long we have been following the quest of organized conventional Christianity. Dare we now boldly venture forth with genuine earnestness in living out his teachings? Can we clothe his teachings with life?

Life is not something to be laid away selfishly in a napkin, to be used as one desires. Life, charged with the spirit of the Master, is a precious commodity in the markets of life.

My time is not mine, to be used for my comforts or my selfish purposes. My time is God-given. "Occupy till I come." It is not mine to waste in idle gossip or in indolent wish-thinking.

My talents are not mine to be exploited for the purposes of wealth hoarding, where moth and rust doth corrupt. My talents are from God to use, develop, and enrich society in spiritual attainments.

My home and farm and business are not mine, but belong to God, who has given me power and health and wisdom. I have no right to enslave my fellowmen with economic chains for selfish gains. I am God's steward. He has entrusted me with these possessions. "Occupy till I come."

My bonds and stocks and landed estates and money are not mine. God has graciously entrusted me with this wealth. They are as sacred as the Lord's Supper or Calvary's Cross. Children will die of starvation this winter unless I, God's steward, am faithful to my trust. Men will be burdened with despair, women crushed with grief, unless I, God's steward, recognize my sacred charge. Unless I remember, "Occupy till I come," churches and Sunday Schools serving most needy fields will be closed; the Gospel of my Master will be unable to advance in far-off lands; churches, schools, hospitals, and other Christian work, built on sacrifices of my fathers, will be stranded and starved.

The challenge comes from far-off India. Can we live it as well as preach it? God help us, we can do no other.

LOUIS GREENE.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 23-July 3—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.
July 28-August 2—Missionary Education Movement, Asilomar.
August 12-13—State Conference, Berkeley.
August 13-20—General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Berkeley.
October 12-13—Laymen's Retreat, Lokoya.
October 26-27—Laymen's Retreat, Marysville.
November 2-3—Laymen's Retreat, Saratoga.
November 9-10—Laymen's Retreat, Byron Hot Springs.
November 16-17—Laymen's Retreat, Tulare.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Baccalaureate sermons at the University of California and at Piedmont High School were delivered by the pastor, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach. The Men's Club sponsored a special evening service on May 5, having as their main attraction the Russian Choral Society of San Francisco. The men are also assuming responsibility for a new Boy Scout troop in the church. A "Hobby Show" given by the Women's League, netted about $170. Dr. George P. Hedley has concluded a series of lectures on the Bible, sponsored by the Religious Education Committee for church school teachers.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. A beautiful rendition of Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah," was given by the chorus and orchestra of San Francisco State College on the evening of Mother's Day, under the direction of Dr. Wm. E. Knuth. There were about 350 in the chorus and 70 in the orchestra. The annual dinner of the United Church was held on June 5, with National Moderator Oscar E. Maurer as speaker. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. Edgar A. Lowther are pastors.

COTATI AND PENNGROVE. Mrs. C. C. Champlin, wife of the pastor, entertained the Ladies' Aid of each of the two churches in two successive weeks, and the following week was hostess to a delegation of 20 ladies from the Pittsburg church.

CALLAHAN. A letter from the secretary, enclosing a gift to benevolences, reported that church and Sunday school attendance is growing. The building has now been wired. Rev. C. L. Goodenough, also serves the church at Etna.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. On Sunday, May 19, Superintendent Gill preached and led in a communion service, and baptized and received into membership two young people. Dr. B. C. Wong is acting pastor.

(Contributed by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce)

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

For Thy wisdom which knows our needs, and for Thy love which supplies them, we thank Thee, Lord. Bless Thy gifts to our good, and our selves to Thy service.—Amen.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY DEVOTION

Our Father, teach us how to commune with Thee so that our hearts become pure, our minds clear, and our wills strong for Thy service. Keep us from fear, from hatreds, and from unlovely deeds. Make strong our faith in the power of the Golden Rule, and in the triumph of Jesus' way of life. And may joy fill our days and peace fill our nights because we labor with Thee for the joy and peace of all Thy children everywhere, as Jesus did.—Amen.

One of the ten United Christian Adult Regional Conferences is to be held at Idlewild Pines Camp, about 30 miles from Riverside, in Southern California, June 15 to 22. The cost of accommodations and registration will be $12.50.

The subjects for consideration and discussion will be as follows: the "How" of "Bible Class Teaching." "Discussion Method," "Social Action Projects," "Men's Work," "Women's Work," "Young Adult Work," " Community Survey,' "Learning for Life Schools," "Preaching as Adult Education," "A State or Area Committee," "Popularizing Adult Work," "Counseling a Local Church," "A Denominational Adult Program," "Schools in Christian Living," "Regional Social Action," and "Institutes, Conventions, Conferences."

For further information write to Dr. H. V. Mather, 129 W. Second Street, Los Angeles.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PORTERVILLE. "Looking for new worlds to conquer" seems to be the motto of the Porterville church and its pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg. Now that the financing of the rebuilding of the church is well under control, a committee has been elected to develop plans for financing and erecting a new parsonage as the main project of the fiftieth year of the church, which will come to a climax late in 1941. The present parsonage, which is very old and poorly built, needs extensive repairs and should be replaced. The church has decided that now is the time to do it if practicable plans can be worked out. More than 140 women representing seven different churches attended the annual May luncheon held this year in the Porterville church under the leadership of Mrs. Gregg, who is president of the local Federation of Church Women. Officers of the Elks Lodge conducted the closing ceremonial from their ritual at the Mother's Day service, which was attended by 281 persons.

ALAMEDA. The choir celebrated its 28th birthday on June 2, with an evening service of music. An original play, "Heaven's Gate," was given by a cast of 32 Negroes of Oakland on a recent evening. Young people of the church are rendering a mutually helpful service for three weeks this summer, when they are to keep the building clean, orderly and ready for use. The few dollars thus earned will be added to their summer conference fund. Rev. Gail Cleland is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. The pastor, Rev. G. E. Atkinson, reports that through the courtesy of a friend, 140 pounds of Christmas cards have been shipped to Dr. Frank Laubach of the Philippine Islands. The high school girls of the church school sponsored a successful Mother-and-Daughter banquet. The Christian Endeavor group enjoyed a picnic on Russian River Terrace one recent Sunday afternoon, ending the outing with campfire vespers.

CAMPBELL. Five committees of six members each are working on the five first-year projects recommended by the Program of Progress, and are to report back their findings and suggestions. They will then be empowered to carry out the most important recommendations. The exterior of the church is now being repainted. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. New Pilgrim Hymnals have been purchased and were dedicated on Mother's Day. During the absence of the pastor, Rev. Ernest W. Houlding is supplying the pulpit. On one Sunday the Rev. Theodore Fieldbrave was guest speaker, and on Father's Day the Young Adult Group is to take charge of the entire service.

AUBURN. On the afternon of May 19, the A Capella choir of the high school and junior college presented a concert in the church auditorium. The program included both sacred and secular numbers. Mrs. Stewart E. Locke, wife of the pastor, shared in the program, playing several classical selections on the church's new electric organ.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. It is reported that a fund has been raised for the painting of the church, and the work has been started. If the results of the first coat are an indication, the church will be a thing of beauty. It is also planned to paint the parsonage and to beautify the grounds. Rev. George F. Wortley is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. An inspiring De-Molay ceremony marked the celebration of Mother's Day, which brought out 256 people. The Women's Guild set a new attendance record at its May meeting, which took the form of an elaborate Wedding Gown Tea. The Plymouth Guild is to sponsor a series of garden parties during the summer. Outstanding was the reception on Sunday afternoon, May 26, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Ward's 25th wedding anniversary. The social hall was beautifully decorated in silver and white, and a silver coffee service was presented to the pastor and his wife "as a token of respect, admiration, and affection." During the summer months the church school will be supervised by various teachers, each in turn acting as superintendent.

ALTURAS. This church, now a federation of the Congregational and Baptist churches of Alturas, is rejoicing in the acceptance of its call to Rev. Everett L. Spuller, who will begin work in August. Mr. Spuller is leaving the Dixon Community Church after a two-year pastorate, prior to which he served our Ripon Congregational Church for thirteen years. He has a record of successful service, and the Conference joins the church in wishing him well in his new undertaking.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A new project of the church is the offer of personal counseling: Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, and Dr. Edith Bryan are setting aside definite hours for this service. Sixty young people of Plymouth House held their semi-annual retreat at Boulder Creek over a recent week-end, to plan their fall program. A concert given by the Northbrae Choral Society under the direction of Dr. Hans Leschke, was sponsored by the Priscilla Club on May 24.

RIPON. Preparations indicate that the Children's Day Service will be unusually lovely this year. The special service will usher in a two-week vacation church school. The Pilgrim Fellowship is planning a "circus" to raise funds for summer conference expense. Rev. Robert A. Bentley, the pastor, who is to direct the Lakewood Conference, conducted the baccalaureate service at the high school.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. There is to be a vacation period for the church school, and the Directing Committee has voted to release the director, Mr. Dan Wilson, and his wife for a two months' period, during which time they will work with the American Friends Service Committee. Plans are already under way for the annual financial drive late in August.

SANTA CRUZ. May 25 was Boy Scouts' Day at the church. Rev. H. S. Mahood, the pastor, is to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the high school, when all the churches of the city are to participate. Annual birthday dinner for the women's groups was held recently.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. On Mother's Day two women's lodges were guests at morning worship. The following Sunday marked the sixth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Orr. During the week including Memorial Day, Mr. Orr was much in demand as speaker at public ceremonies.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. June 21 will mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, who, interestingly enough, was pastor of the Pilgrim Church at the time of his ordination. Rev. Ralph Baldwin will supply the pulpit during the pastor's vacation.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. As noted in last month's PACIFIC, Rev. D. W. Throckmorton is to complete his work in this church in June. Now word comes that the Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, who visited the church on May 19, has been called and has accepted the pastorate. Mr. Gaylord is a graduate of Pomona College and of the Pacific School of Religion. He comes to San Francisco from a four-year pastorate at the United Church of Eagle Rock, California, also a federated Methodist-Congregational church. He has been active in Methodist and in Congregational ministers' groups in southern California, and is said to be popular with young people. Bay area ministers will be glad to welcome him into fellowship.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. The pastor, Rev. H. K. Khachadourian, is preaching the first Sunday of each month at Oakland Bethany Church. The Christian Endeavor group of the church recently sponsored a fiesta to promote fellowship among the Armenian young people of the city, and plans are being made for a regular Sunday evening service to supplement their other meetings. Ladies of the church served a cafeteria-style dinner which was very successful.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Six new members were received into fellowship on May 19. A family dinner was sponsored by the Men's Club on the last Monday of the month, with Mr. Joseph Conard, recently returned from Vienna, as the speaker. Various young people's groups are busy in raising funds for summer conference participation. Rev. Robert Inglis, the pastor, is to be director at Loma Mar Conference No. 1.

SAN CARLOS. The Men's Club of the church secured the whole-hearted cooperation of the entire community in a parade, carnival, and hobby show, funds from which are to go toward the building project. About $700 was realized from this enterprise. An attractive folder has been printed, setting forth the needs and aims of the church. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. According to the "Beacon Light," the official organ of the church, 15 new members, the largest single group since 1926, came into fellowship on May 5. A committee is now actively at work outlining a program for the men of the church. Rev. P. Pierson Parker is pastor.

BERKELEY, PARK. Post 1010 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held their memorial services in the church, and the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, recently served as chaplain for an American Legion group and for the United Council of War Veterans.

RENO, NEVADA. Baccalaureate and Commencement Day addresses at the University of Nevada were given by Rev. William Moll Case and Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, pastor and former pastor, respectively. Mr. Case chose as his subject, "Our Heritage."

ADIN. High school baccalaureate services were held in the church on May 19. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Monosmith, expects to be away from the field for a month or more, when he makes an extended trip east.

STOCKTON. The financial campaign has been sufficiently successful so that the church has voted to proceed at once with the alterations in order to be ready for the 75th anniversary this coming autumn.

LODI. The Comrade Class made its annual pilgrimage to the Preston School of Industry at Ione, conducting the Sunday afternoon service there; and on another occasion welcomed fifteen new church members at a dinner given in their honor. One hundred and fifty mothers and daughters banqueted together on May 7. The church, which has recently received a bequest of more than $1400, was host to the summer conference rally of the central area Pilgrim Fellowship, attracting 125 young people. To the great joy of his family and of the congregation, Robert Boone, youngest son of the pastor, is once more able to be up and about after a year in bed.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Sixteen children and young people have been baptized in the Angels Camp and Murphys churches since Easter. The Ladies' Aid of the Angels Camp church took second prize for their community exhibit at the district fair, and are already planning ways of using it for church improvement. The pastor's son, Rev. Paul G. Dickey of Oregon, who had given five years of service in African missions, was a recent visitor and gave several addresses to various groups. The acquisition of two new teachers at Angels Camp have given impetus to Primary and Beginners' work there.

ANTIOCH. On Sunday, June 9, this church celebrated its 75th anniversary. At special services planned for the occasion, the Rev. Thomas T. Giffen was guest speaker, and a history of the church was read. A luncheon was served in the "Out Door Living Room" of the parish house. The climax of the celebration came with the lighting of 75 candles on the birthday cake. Rev. William R. Steininger is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO. Dr. Walter H. Judd, formerly a medical missionary in China, occupied the pulpit the last Sunday in May. Earlier in the month, the church choir, aided by guest artists, presented The Mayflower Music Festival. In addition to vocal selections, there were marimba solos and two numbers by the Sacramento Junior College Trumpet Quartet. Rev. T. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Mr. Elmo Peterson has closed his work and the church is being supplied by Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman and Rev. Huber Burr. Negotiations are in progress with an incoming student at Pacific School of Religion.

GUERNEVILLE. The new pastor, Mr. James P. Senter, and his wife are now at work. A Vacation School is being planned for the summer period.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

There will be no meeting of the Executive Board in June or July.

MAY MEETING REPORTS

Our President, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, opened the May meeting by urging on all women the cultivation of a helpful philosophy,—one that predicates the endurance of what is worth-while.

Thank Offering Needs

Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Thank Offering Secretary, in referring to the losses we have sustained in three of the four fields to which our offerings have gone—the tragic death of Dr. Leonard Wilbur in China; the resignation of Mr. Salmon from his Trinity County work; and the removal to another field of Mr. and Mrs. Throckmorton of Grace United Church in San Francisco—pointed out that these losses do not lessen our responsibility. She then introduced Mrs. Throckmorton, who told us that the fund for the boys' summer camp is lower than it was last year, since so many of the business men who had contributed in the past had suffered from the Fair last year, and probably will do so again. From $5.00 to $7.00 is needed to take a child to camp. This year the camp will change location to Monte Toyon, near Santa Cruz, and Mrs. Throckmorton urged any of the women who were in that region to do what they could to send gifts of fresh fruits or vegetables to the camp, as Mrs. Atkinson and her women have done when the camp was in their neighborhood. Mr. Throckmorton's successor will be the son of Superintendent E. D. Gaylord of the Southern California Conference.

Proposed Relief Changes

Mrs. J. G. Barnes, Social Relations Secretary, introduced Miss Margery Carpenter, Executive Secretary of the Berkeley Charities Commission, who spoke on the changes proposed in the new relief law of the State Relief Administration:

1. Change in required time of residence from one year to three years.
2. A $58.00 maximum, no matter what the size of the family.
3. Deduction of the gross amount of all earnings, or income from any source whatever, from the relief granted.

Number 1 makes the requirement uniform with that of the county, and is probably a good change. Number 2 would work a great hardship on a large family, which could manifestly not be adequately clothed and fed with what would be left after paying rent, water, and so on. Number 3 is definitely pernicious in effect. It deadens all initiative, for, whereas many might try to help themselves by doing odd jobs, or even to get off relief ultimately by building up a small business, under this ruling they actually cannot afford to do so. As an illustration, Miss Carpenter pointed out that a woman who took boarders would be obliged to deduct the full amount received from them, without allowance for what she must spend for their food, heat and light.

Rev. Harvey V. Miller of the Pilgrim Church, Oakland, reviewed Sherwood Eddy's latest book: "I Have Seen God Do It." God is at work in His world in many fields: in changed personalities, in private habits, in the field of answered prayer, in the field of social change, in the world itself—even in the chaos of today. "Was God present," asked Mr. Miller, "when Leonard Wilbur was taken?" And answered his own question by saying that it is in such lives as Dr. Wilbur's that we may, indeed, see God at work.

We were all glad to hear that Mrs. L. H. Richards, Corresponding Secretary, who is recovering from an operation of five weeks ago, is doing very well indeed.

Social Welfare Quotas

Mrs. R. W. Kretsinger, Social Welfare Secretary, reported that out of 68 quotas sent to our women's group, she had received 21 acceptances. Query: Where are the 47? It is good to learn that of the 21 accepting, 9 have already filled their quotas.

New Reading List

Mrs. D'Erlach whetted our appetite for the new reading list. Mimeographed slips will be sent out for the reports, November 15. Eight books are to be read, of which six must be new (i. e., previously unread). Last year's list may be used.

M. E. M. Conference

Mrs. R. J. Martyr, our M. E. M. repsentative, gave the preliminary announcement regarding this year's Asilomar meeting: Time—July 28 to August 2. Themes: China on the March, and Shifting Populations in America. Speakers: on methods, Mrs. R. W. Blosser; on China, the Rev. John Evans Shoemaker, D.D., for forty years a Presbyterian missionary in China; on the homeland theme, Mrs. F. E. Shotwell (in charge of Migrant work in California); on Missionary Methods for young people and children, the Rev. F. John Carter of Los Angeles. The chaplain will be Rev. Charles R. Greenleaf of Pacific Grove, and a special guest will be Mr. Gilbert Q. LeSourd of the New York office of the M. E. M. Rates are the same as last year: Registration fee, $2.50; Room and meals (two in a room) as follows: Long house, $13.75; Guest In, $16.50; Lodge, $19.25; Scripps, $20.75; off-grounds fee, 50 cents per day. Further information may be secured from Mrs. Martyr, 617 E. 12th Street, Pittsburg.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS

Mission study books for 1940 and 1941 are now in course of publication, though a few of the children's books are ready for delivery. Following titles are recommended for the age groups specified: For adults: "Dangerous Opportunity" by Earle H. Ballou, "China Rediscovers Her West" (a symposium), and on the homeland theme, "Uprooted Americans," edited by Benson Y. Landis. In paper bindings, these are to sell at 60c each. For young people: *"Stand By for China," by Poteat, and "Move On, Youth," by Nall, each at 60c. For intermediates, "Tales from China" by Hayes and "Tales of Americans on Trek" by a group of authors, will each be 50c, paper binding. For Juniors, *"Bright Sky Tomorrow" (Hollister), and *"Across the Fruited Plain" (Means), will be 50c each. For Primary children, *"Yellow Friendly Book" (Entwistle), and *"Children of the Harvest" (Warner), are 40c and 50c respectively. The American Board background material, published under the title of *"So We Have a Mission in China," is available at 10c the copy. All titles above marked by an asterisk are now ready, and may be secured through the Conference office.

FROM FOREIGN FIELDS

Mrs. E. A. Evans, Foreign Field Secretary, reporting from Dr. Alma Locke Cooke of China, told us that, with exchange as it is, a well-balanced diet can be furnished their refugee children for fifty cents a month (U.S.A.) for each child. The lack of ordinary school facilities seems to be no drawback to learning. With the dust of the yard for a blackboard, and a stick or a little finger for chalk, the lessons go on. Mrs. Evans also said that Miss Edith Parsons of Izmir, Turkey, whom many of us know personally, had not been in the earthquake zone.

DEVOTIONAL

Mrs. E. V. Zumwalt of Antioch, in the course of a beautiful devotional, gave an original poem for which there have been so many requests that we are including it here with appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Zumwalt. It is based on the thought which Miss Seabury used so helpfully, of the "bowl of inspiration" which we should keep full for ourselves and others.

"My life is a pottery bowl, Lord,
A pottery bowl of blue;
And I must fill it and pour it out
And fill it, anew and anew.

"There are many who take from my pottery bowl
That which Thou bid'st me give;
To my family, friends, and all
Those in whose midst I live.

"Teach me to fill my bowl, Lord,
With Thy presence, first of all,
Whether I find it in busy street,
Or woodland road, where wild birds call.

"And fill my bowl with beauty and song
And love for all mankind,
That those who seek, through me, my Lord,
Thy love in my bowl may find."

Church School Does Help!

The following quotation, taken from the report of the Committee on Juvenile Delinquency of the East Bay Church Federation,, is illuminating:

"Oakland arrests and reprimands 2500 yearly below the age of 18 years. In 1939 no child who has been a regular attendant at Sunday School (regular in the sense of attending at least every other Sunday) has been arrested by juvenile detail. In Los Angeles only 26 per cent of 14,000 arrested had only a casual church affiliation, the rest *none*." Church school workers, take note!

WILBUR MEMORIAL

An impressive memorial service for the late Dr. Leonard F. Wilbur was held on Sunday, May 26, at City Temple in San Francisco. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. E. A. Lowther, Rev. Harley H. Gill, Dr. Lois P. Todd of Stanford University, and Judge Curtis D. Wilbur participated in the service. "Pacific" takes the liberty of quoting the following from Judge Wilbur's address:

"You wonder what a father can say, or that he can say anything at a time like this, but we know what the Heavenly Father says,—'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

"But I have two things to say. His life no longer belongs to his parents, or to this Church, or to the Board; it belongs to all men, for all time. We cannot, if we would, keep it for ourselves. If his unconsciously dramatic response to the call of a dying woman, a stranger, of a strange race, can quicken the courage, increase the hope, or stimulate the faith of anyone, anywhere, or any time, they have a right to that help. So we do not hold back, as we might in respect for his modesty and humility, but we push forward the incident and say, 'Here is what Christ means by Christianity. Here is a modern version of the Good Samaritan.'

"The other thing I wish to say about those who have died for the cause may be said in a slightly paraphrased quotation from that memorable address on the battlefield of Gettysburg: 'It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work these servants of God have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from this honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which he gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation,—all nations,—shall have a new birth unto the Kingdom of God on earth, and that this Kingdom shall not perish from the earth.

"May many grasp and hold aloft the torch which fell from Leonard's hand, and may all of us open wider the doors of our hearts for the entrance of the Master, and have 'a more loving heart'."

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